

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff



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SHERIFF'S CONTINUED CRACKDOWN AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION NETS THE ARREST OF 24 MORE

161 Arrested in last 30 days

(Phoenix, AZ) Investigations conducted by Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies last night led to the arrests of 24 more illegal aliens, 16 of whom will be charged with state felony human smuggling charges. The remaining eight were arrested under the controversial 287g agreement and have been turned over to federal authorities.

In the last 30 days, Sheriff's deputies have arrested 78 illegal aliens on felony human smuggling and identification theft charges during the continued crackdown of illegal immigration enforcement.

Traffic stops related to the recent investigation occurred in the area of I-17 and Anthem Way. Occupants admitted to paying between \$400 and \$3,000.00 each for illegal access into the United States.

Sheriff Arpaio says, "This is yet another example of my promise to enforce all the illegal immigration laws in Maricopa County regardless of the ever changing policies emanating from Washington D.C."

The 287g agreement, which has given Sheriff Arpaio the authority in the past to arrest illegal aliens under federal authority, has recently been modified by the new administration in Washington D.C. Sheriff Arpaio and his Office are currently reviewing the new agreement to determine whether or not they will continue to participate in the program. END

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